

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL
Tuesday, March 8, 2016
7:00 P.M.

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session at its regularly scheduled meeting time on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at the hour of 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall at 508 E. Fourth Street, Huntingburg, Indiana. Members Wehr, Bounds, McPherron, and Blessinger were present. Also present were Mayor Spinner and City Attorney Schneider. Member Kissling was absent.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2016 regular meeting.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve the claims as presented.

The Mayor indicated that this is the date, time and place set for the public hearing on the Stellar Project for the Market Street Park. Lisa Gehlhausen, Grant Administrator, from Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission conducted the hearing. An attendance sheet was passed around for people attending the hearing to sign. The attendance sheet as well as the Public Hearing minutes will become part of the Application. The anticipated date for submission of the application is by March 31, 2016. The total Grant amount set aside for Huntingburg is \$1,700,000. It is anticipated that the Stellar Market Street Project would need \$1,400,000. The total project cost is \$2,936,150. The remaining funds would be from local funds as follows:

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| TIF | \$1,000,000 |
| EDIT | \$ 250,000 |
| Dubois County Community Foundation | \$ 286,150 |

Ed Curtin, CWC Latitudes, presented an overview of the Market Street Project.

Ms. Gehlhausen indicated that public comments or questions could be taken at this time. Alan Fritz asked if there was any additional property that needs to be purchased for this project. The Mayor indicated that there is one area of land that needs to be purchased. The remainder is City owned property. Crystal Buehler spoke in support of the project. She indicated that there is a dire need for something like this in this location. Peter Murphy asked what considerations were given to property owners on the south side of Market Street for accessibility after the park is built. The Mayor indicated that this is a preliminary design and based on his concerns, that would be something we would want to take into consideration as we go further into the design phase. Cory Menke voiced his support for this development. He feels it is a tremendous honor and achievement for the City to be awarded this Stellar program. He feels the Market Street Park will highlight the Old Town Hall and attract more people to this area. Denny Spinner offered his comments regarding the project. He indicated that Market Street was identified as a key element for the downtown revitalization plan by the City in 2013. He reviewed the goals that were submitted for the park and how the plan meets those goals. He indicated that the City of Huntingburg is showing its financial commitment to this project from three different sources. He also indicated there has been strong public support for the Market Street Park. On behalf of the City, he thanked the Office of Community and Rural Affairs for their participation in this event.

The Mayor asked if there were any other comments. There were none.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by McPherron and carried to close the public hearing.

Water Superintendent Gregg Miller presented his monthly report. He asked permission to hire two new employees, Jace Merkel and Jason Voegerl, as Service Technicians for the distribution system.

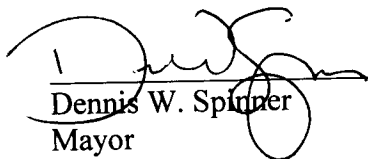
A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Wehr and carried to approve the hiring of the aforementioned for Service Technicians for the Water Department.

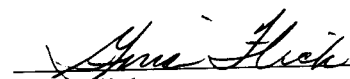
Attorney Schneider presented a proposed resolution for granting a private roadway easement to Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) to allow access to an 11.02 acre tract of land from Phoenix Drive. The land, owned by IMPA, will be developed into a solar energy park. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2016-08 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF HUNTINGBURG AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF
A PRIVATE ROADWAY EASEMENT**

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Bounds, seconded by McPherron and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 o'clock P.M.


Dennis W. Spurrer
Mayor


Gina Flick
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer